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FROM: Karen Blöchlinger, Ph.D.

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MESSAGE: Attached hereto is the SUMMARY OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW  
ON MAY 6, 2005, in connection with the above-referenced  
application.

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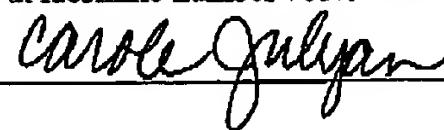
Applicants and applicants' attorney acknowledge with appreciation the helpful comments and suggestions made by the Examiner during a telephone interview on May 6, 2005. The participants in the telephone interview were Examiner J.T. Barton and applicants' attorney, Karen Blöchlinger. The discussion centered on a statement in the Final Office Action indicating that no skilled or precise shaping is required by the claim language and the general limitation "dynamic control" is met by any modification in the field in the course of the separation. Applicants' attorney suggested amending the claims to recite that a dynamically shaped field is produced. The Examiner stated that such an amendment would likely not be entered unless accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination because it would raise new issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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